GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RUNNING OF TRAIN SERVICE THROUGH NAXALITE AFFECTED AREAS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Railways propose to discontinue running of trains through Naxalite affected areas;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the State Governments are not providing adequate security to trains running through Naxalite affected areas;

(d) If so, whether any discussions with the State Government have been held in this regard;

(e) If so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the further plans of the Railways to run trains through Naxalite affected areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): ?Policing? being a State subject, prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in the Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police have a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to Law and Order on the Railway and as such, Ministry of Railways has to depend on them for controlling the crime over Indian Railways. Railways have taken the following measures through the Railway Protection Force (RPF) for protection of Railway Properties, particularly in vulnerable sections prone to terrorist/naxalite attacks:-

1. During Bandh/Agitation/Rail Roko events, Railway Protection Force personnel are being deployed in vulnerable sections for protection of Railway Properties, as a precautionary measure.

2. Joint patrolling by Tower Wagon has been introduced in various vulnerable sections prone to terrorist/naxalite attacks.

3. Deploying additional Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) personnel for protecting the Railway property has enhanced the security of affected Railway stations, trains and other vital installation and Railway passengers against terrorist and naxalite attacks.

4. Apart from maintaining close liaison with Civil Police and Intelligence Authorities, surveillance at some Railway Stations is being monitored though Close Circuit Televisions (CCTVs).

(f): Trains will be run in the Naxalite affected areas unless and until the traffic is disrupted by Naxalites.